

SOLID WASTE NEWS

LEWIS COUNTY SOLID WASTE UTILITY

Two Changes to Note at the Transfer Stations

- Beginning April 1, 2011, the minimum fee at Lewis County's Solid Waste Transfer Stations in Centralia and Morton will be \$10 for 220 pounds or less for garbage. This increase does *not* affect the \$82 per ton tipping fee.
- Commercial charge customers are now able to pay their bills by credit or debit card for a fee. Call Solid Waste Accounting at 740-2758 or 800-749-5980 for details.

HAZO HUT HELPS BUSINESSES

Cleaners, pesticides, and paint are just a few examples of hazardous materials used by many businesses in Lewis County. The Lewis County Hazardous Waste Program is here to help businesses safely dispose of left over hazardous materials in a way that stays in compliance with laws that protect our environment, as well as safeguard workers! The program provides a low-cost solution to local businesses and is this simple:



Hazo Hut hours 9am to 4pm every Wednesday and 1st & 3rd Saturday

- Call 740-1221 for an appointment and request a work order to tell us the type and amount of material you have.
- Return the work order to the Solid Waste office for it to be reviewed and the appropriate charge calculated. Your work order will then be returned to you. Keep your copy of the work order for your records.
- Bring the work order and the material to the scheduled appointment

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Special points of interest:

- * Free fluorescent light recycling.
- * Free paint available in the Swap Shack.
- * Free battery recycling.

FREE RECYCLING OF FLUORESCENT LIGHTS

Fluorescent lights are energy efficient and a great replacement for other light sources.

Fluorescent lights contain mercury, a hazardous neuro-toxin. When these lights need to be replaced, proper disposal

steps must be taken.

The hazardous waste program offers two locations for the collection and disposal of fluorescent lights and compact fluorescent lights: Central Transfer Station in Centralia and the Morton Transfer Station.

Residential customers can turn in lights during normal operating hours. **Businesses need to make an appointment** with the hazardous waste program staff. Call 740-1221 for an appointment. This service is free. Thank you for protecting the environment.

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Dr. Toxic showing off
his green cleaning kit
and free paint.

SWAP SHACK OFFERS FREE PAINT

Reusable paint left at the Hazo Hut is given away in the Swap Shack as part of a free service to residents and businesses in Lewis County. Much of the paint collected at the Hazo Hut is still usable, so staff separates reusable paint from unusable, and latex paint from oil-based. Full cans and buckets of paint with good labels are taken directly to the Swap Shack; and partial cans of latex paint are also taken to the Swap Shack after they have been remixed into five-gallon buckets.

Other reusable items given away to customers from the Swap Shack include automotive care products; household cleaners; lawn and garden chemicals; fertilizers; and pool and spa chemicals. Customers may look at Swap Shack inventory during normal operating hours of the Central Transfer Station. We ask that customers fill out an acceptance form when taking material from the Swap Shack. New products are put in the Swap Shack several times a week, so check back often if you are looking for a certain color of paint! Over 11,600 gallons of paint were given away from the Swap Shack in 2010.



The SWAP SHACK is located at
the Central Transfer Station

Save Money By Recycling Scrap Metal at Transfer Stations

You can now drop off your unwanted scrap metal for free in the Recycling Area of the transfer stations in Centralia and Morton. The scrap metal will be recycled into something new and not buried in a landfill forever. Examples of metal items you may recycle include pots, pans, tools, siding, screws, nails, ladders, ironing boards, stainless steel sinks and metal toys.

DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR BATTERIES

Many businesses use batteries in tools, laptop computers, and other devices. Many of these batteries are rechargeable and completely recyclable.

The hazardous waste program offers free battery recycling to citizens and businesses in Lewis County.

Batteries can be dropped off by residential customers during normal business hours of the Central Transfer Station and the Morton Transfer Station. You can find the battery collection receptacles by asking an attendant at the scale house. Please bring your batteries in a bag, box, or bucket. Leave the container behind. Loose batteries can spill and release toxic substances to the environment.

Businesses must make an appointment to

drop off batteries. Please call 740-1221 to make an appointment and obtain the necessary work order. The hazardous waste program accepts the following types of batteries:

- Lead acid car and truck batteries
- Sealed lead acid batteries
- Nickel cadmium batteries
- Nickel metal halide batteries
- Lithium and lithium ion batteries
- Alkaline batteries

To assist the staff with recycling, please segregate all batteries by battery type.

Thank you for recycling.